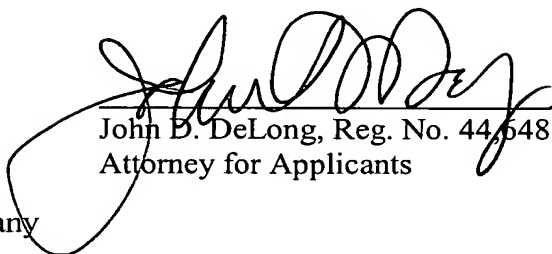


REMARKS

Status identifiers of claims 1, 3, and 11-14 have been corrected to comply with current amendment practice.

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